

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Guy Bevente et al.

Title: SHARED USAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BILLING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Customer No.: 84326 Confirmation No.: 4643

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M/S: Petitions
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.181(a)**

Dear Sir:

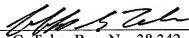
In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 24, 2009, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment on the grounds that a response was timely filed prior to the end of the six month statutory response period.

Applicants assert that a Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on May 6, 2009 was timely filed with a three-month extension of time and appropriate extension fees on November 5, 2009, as evidenced by the electronic acknowledgement receipt and copy of the image file wrapper from PAIR attached hereto. A copy of the Response as filed on November 5, 2009 is also attached. Accordingly, Applicants request the holding of abandonment to be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

1-14-2010
Date



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